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SUBJECT: MONTERO STAYS ABOARD

1. SUMMARY. ALLENDE REJECTS MONTERO'S RESIGNATION.

GUILDS IN 17 PROVINCES AND NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION DECLARE STRIKES. BOTH UP AND OPPOSITION PLANNING MASSIVE STREET DEMONSTRATIONS. SOME DIVISIONS WITHIN GUILD MOVEMENT APPARENT. END SUMMARY.

2. PRES ALLENDE HAS REJECTED RESIGNATION OF NAVY CINC MONTERO.

IN SEPARATE STATEMENTS PRES AND MINDEF LETELIER ANNOUNCED SEPT 3 THAT MONTERO WILL STAY ON AS NAVY CINC. OPPOSITION PRESS SPECULATING THAT MONTERO'S RESIGNATION OFFER RESULTED FROM LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN HIM AS EXPRESSED BY MAJORITY OF ADMIRALS IN FRIDAY MORNING VALPARAISO MEETING AND LATER MEETING WITH LETELIER. PRESIDENT'S REJECTION, THEORIZING GOES, IS PRODUCT PRESIDENT'S UNWILLINGNESS TO NAME NEXT-IN-LINE ADM MERINO AS CINC. MERINO PARTICULARLY UN-

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ACCEPTABLE TO PS FOR HIS KNOWN OPPOSITIONIST STANCE AND INITIATION

COURT ACTION AGAINST PS SEC GEN ALTAMIRANO.

3. MERCHANTS AND OTHER GUILDS IN 17 PROVINCES - BUT NOT SANTIAGO - DECLARED STRIKE OF INDEFINITE LENGTH BEGINNING SEPT 3. GROUPS OPERATING THROUGH MULTI-GUILD ORGANIZATIONS MET IN CONCEPCION OVER WEEKEND AND ISSUED STATEMENT WHICH DECLARED STRIKE AND ARGUED THAT "CURRENT GOVT SHOULD NOT CONTINUE DIRECTING THE DESTINY OF THE NATION."

4. SHUTDOWN CALL HAS PUT RAFAEL CUMSILLE, LEADER OF SMALL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION IN TIGHT POSITION. IN SUNDAY AFTERNOON RADIO ADDRESS CUMSILLE DENOUNCED HIS CRITICS, MENTIONING SPECIFICALLY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S JORGE FONTAINE AND PN'S RADIO AGRICULTURA, FOR ALLEGING THAT HE HAS BEEN TOO "SOFT" AND IS OPERATING WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF HIS GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS. CUMSILLE STATED THAT HE HAD JUST BEEN GIVEN VOTE OF CONFIDENCE BY ALL PROVINCIAL DIRECTORS MEETING OVER WEEKEND IN SANTIAGO AND THAT HE WILLING TO DECLARE FURTHER SHUTDOWNS IF GOVT NOT FORTHCOMING IN RESPONSE TO SERIES OF PETITIONS HIS ORGANIZATION HAS PRESENTED. HE ALSO CALLED FOR GREATER COOPERATION AMONG GUILDS. CUMSILLE MET SEPT 3 WITH RODADO HEAD JUAN JARA.

5. TRANSPORT STRIKE DRAGS ON WITH GOVT APPARENTLY STILL INSISTING THAT RODADO ACCEPT LAST FORMAL GOVT OFFER AS EXPRESSED EVENING AUG 29. UP PRESS STILL PLAYING HEAVILY ON THEME THAT BUS AND TAXI AS WELL AS SOME TRUCK OWNERS HAVE GROWN DISGUSTED WITH STRIKE AND, IN PARTICULAR WITH TRUCK LEADER VILARIN, AND ARE RETURNING TO WORK. RODADO LEADERS DENY THIS. FACT IS, HOWEVER, THAT MAJORITY OF SANTIAGO'S INTRA-CITY BUSES AND TAXIS NEVER JOINED STRIKE TO BEGIN WITH. ALSO LINGERING ON DESPITE SUCCESSION OF MEETINGS

WITH NEW MINHEALTH IS MEDICAL STRIKE WHICH NOW ENTERING THIRD WEEK.

6. ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONALS (CUPROCH) WHICH HAS AMONG ITS ESTIMATED 120,000 MEMBERS PRIVATE SCHOOL TEACHERS, WHITE COLLAR COPPER TECHNICIANS AND LAN CHILE PILOTS HAS CALLED FOR 48 HOUR STRIKE BEGINNING TUESDAY AM IN SUPPORT OF TRANSPORT OWNERS.

7. BOTH UP AND OPPOSITION GROUPS PLANNING MASSIVE STREET MARCHES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND RALLIES. UP WILL RALLY DOWNTOWN SANTIAGO LATE AFTERNOON SEPT 4 IN CELEBRATION THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF ALLENDE VICTORY. FOLLOWING EVENING OPPOSITION WOMEN LED BY TRANSPORT OWNER WIVES WILL MARCH IN DEMAND OF ALLENDE'S RESIGNATION. CATHOLIC UNIV STUDENTS HAVE SWUNG BANNER ACROSS CU'S MAIN DOWNTOWN BUILDING DEMANDING "RESIGN AND LET US BEGIN AGAIN TO CONSTRUCT NATION'S INSTITUTIONS."

8. OPPOSITION PRESS GLOATING OVER MILITARY RAID ON LEFT EXTREMIST

CAMP NEAR COAST IN CAUTIN PROVINCE. PICTURES OF HOME-MADE HAND GRENADES AND PS AND MIR FLAGS REPORTEDLY TAKEN FROM CAMP HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED. ACCORDING TO ONE EMBASSY SOURCE EXTREMISTS HAVE BEEN OPERATING OUT OF EXPROPRIATED FARMS IN AREA FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AND HAVE CAUSED CONSIDERABLE ALARM AMONG LOCAL PEASANTS. PRESS TALKS ABOUT MYSTERIOUS OFFLOADING FROM BOATS AND POSSIBLE INTRODUCTION OF FOREIGN ARMS. ABOUT 20 INDIVIDUALS HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN ARRESTED, BUT ACCORDING TO SOME REPORTS, GROUP'S LEADERS HAVE ESCAPED AND ARE IN HIDING.

9.OIL PIPELINE FROM COAST TO SANTIAGO ONCE AGAIN SUFFERED DYNAMITE BLAST EARLY MORNING SEPT 2. BOMB WAS THROWN EVENING SEPT 1 AT HOME OF PR'S ANSELMO SULE. TWO PCCH MEMBERS WERE KILLED WHEN TRUCK THEY WERE RIDING IN TO DISTRIBUTE FLOUR IN SANTIAGO SUBURB TURNED OVER. UP PRESS CLAIMING TRUCK INTENTIONALLY FORCED OFF ROAD IN PLANNED RIGHTIST SABOTAGE ATTEMPT. WELL-PLUGGED IN MEDIA SOURCES HAVE TOLD EMBOFFS THAT PATRIA Y LIBERTAD'S PABLO RODIRGUEZ HAS LEFT ECUADOR AND WILL RETURN TO CHILE WITHIN THE WEEK VIA MEXICO AND ARGENTINA.

10. PDC AND MININT BRIONES ENGAGED IN FURTHER BACK AND FORTH. IN LANGUAGE RELATIVELY MILD BY CONTEMPORARY CHILEAN STANDARDS BUT PRETTY HARSH COMING FROM BRIONES, MININT ATTACKED AYLWIN'S REJECTION OF DIALOGUE OFFER AND ARGUED THAT "ALLENDE GOVT HAS GIVEN MORE THAN SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE OF ITS ADHERENCE TO DEMOCRATIC NORMS, SUBMISSION TO JURIDICAL AND INSTITUTIONAL ORDER, AND UNRESTRICTED RESPECT FOR FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION WHICH IN RECENT DAYS HAS DEGENERATED INTO VERITABLE LIBERTINAGE." PDC RESPONDED IMMEDIATELY BUT IN TERMS GENERALLY RESPECTFUL OF BRIONES THAT MININT SHOULD DEVOTE HIMSELF TO ENDING TRANSPORT STRIKE, CLOSING DOWN CHANEL 9 AS ORDERED BY COURST, GETTING FIRED EL TENIENTE WORKERS REINSTATED, AND OTHERWISE RECTIFYING GOVT POLICIES.

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